

SIMPSON ACCUSED OF VOTE FRAUD

Hall Prosecutor Faces Election Probe in Jersey

By ROBERT M. GRANNIS

An election day dispute in Hudson county in which he was the central figure rose out of the past today to confront State Senator Alexander Simpson, with grave charges as the vanquished prosecutor of the Hall-Mills case swept his spyglass across a barren political horizon in search of a hopeful sign.

Swept down the ladder of success which he had climbed so painfully, rung by rung, New Jersey's theistic senator is the star actor in a new role which seeks to portray him as an evader of the law. A flat declaration that he registered and voted illegally in the election of November 2 in Jersey City has been made in a signed statement by Frank B. Chapman, Republican challenger and county committeeman.

Chapman, in behalf of the citizens and voters of Hudson county, demands a thorough investigation by the proper authorities and calls attention to the fact that Jersey City's great political eraser obliterated his protest at election time.

Chapman's Affidavit

Specifically, Chapman sets forth in his affidavit that Simpson does not live at the B. P. O. Elks Club in Jersey City, the place of residence he used for registration and voting purposes. His statement in full reads as follows:—

"At the last election I, Frank B. Chapman, Republican challenger

Fire House Lures Willie, Where He Enjoys Himself

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 7.—If further proof than their court vindication was necessary to establish the innocence of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her kinsmen it was given today in the freedom allowed Willie Stevens to wander about city streets and play at his beloved fire station.

Even after the eccentric brother had acquitted himself so creditably



Willie Stevens

on the witness stand in Somerville, there were many who predicted that his sister would keep him closely guarded until the hue and cry of the murder trial had died down. She would not dare trust him to babble to strangers so soon after the trial, these persons argued.

But Willie, however, is following his same placid course, although it was only last Friday that he and his sister and his brother, Henry, were acquitted of the murders of the rector and his choir singer. Willie made his first trip to Engine Company No. 3, his favorite rendezvous, yesterday, and was on hand bright and early this morning.

Swinging along with his black fedora hat perched high on his great bushy head, Willie smiled and was smiled at by everybody along his way. With many he stopped to talk and to shake hands in his gracious way. He had a dinner of Irish stew at the fire house yesterday and smacked his lips in anticipation of hamburger steak today. He hoped it would be cooked with onions, he said.

Willie would say nothing about the crime of which he was acquitted and not much more about the trial. He was so anxious to be courteous, though, and to the few reporters remaining here he was quite eager to talk on other topics.

Mrs. Hall and Willie will remain in New Brunswick this winter, he said. Mrs. Hall announced the same plans Sunday. Willie put his arm affectionately on the shoulder of Engineer John Klein when he said this. Klein is one of his dearest friends.

"I like New Brunswick and the

people here," the eccentric fellow explained simply, "and I hope so much they like me and won't believe any of those terrible things. The jury didn't and I know my own town won't."

As Willie was cavorting about his old haunts, his cousin, Henry de la Bruyere Carpenter, left for a month's rest in South Carolina, accompanied by his wife. Two golf bags and a hunting rifle attested to the fact that the stock broker would get plenty of exercise to make up for the 104 days of inactivity he spent in jail under the murder indictments which were quashed when his cousins were acquitted. Smilingly he posed for the

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and county committeeman, challenged the vote of Alexander Simpson, state senator in New Jersey, on the ground that said Senator Simpson, to my best knowledge and belief, did not live at his stated place of residence, namely, the B. P. O. Elks Club, at 2855 Boulevard, Jersey City, at the time of registration and casting of said vote.

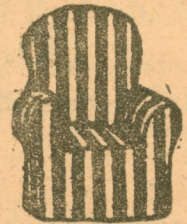
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